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Re: *Richardson Flat Tailings Site, Park City, Utah*

Dear Mia:

This letter follows up on our telephone conversation and memorializes Noranda's request for a 45-day extension of time to respond to EPA's letter of February 13, 2002, which enclosed EPA's demand for response cost reimbursement, dated December 4, 2001. Noranda did not receive the original December 4, 2001 demand letter, possibly because the letter was sent to the wrong suite number. Hence, EPA resent the demand letter on February 13, 2002. Noranda did receive this correspondence, which requested that the company respond within 30 days of the letter's date.

We attempted to contact Andrea Madigan by March 14, 2002, but were unsuccessful in reaching her last week. We did learn, however, through a series of voicemail exchanges, that we should contact you directly, as you are now the lead EPA attorney on the case. Upon hearing from you today, we understand that Greg Phoebe must approve any extension of time and that he is out of the office until March 27, 2002. Upon his return, you agreed to consult with Mr. Phoebe to discuss an extension of time.

We would appreciate receiving a 45-day extension of time to allow us more time to coordinate with our client and investigate the claims stated in the December 4, 2001 demand letter. We will contact you after Mr. Phoebe returns next week to determine the status of our request. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Lauren C. Buehler

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cc: John D. Fognani, Esq.

*note:
Greg ref'd this
upon his return
to S. Alendach.
who approved
the extension
on 3/28/02
called Lauren
& approved 9:30 am.
Ok in write us?
a lot.*